IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims are listed below for the convenience of the Examiner. No amendments have been made. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Claims 1-23 (CANCELLED)

24. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) At least one computer readable storage medium storing instructions that when executed cause a processor to perform a method comprising:

receiving possession specifiers, each specifying a possessed product that one of a plurality of customers possesses, transmitted from the customers via a network;

maintaining first records, each concerning the possessed product that at least one of the customers possesses, based on the possession specifiers;

receiving unwanted product specifiers, each specifying an unwanted product any of the customers does not want any more, transmitted from any of the customers via the network;

consolidating second records concerned with unwanted products; and

presenting a result of said consolidating to potential buyers.

25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A selling-range constituting product management apparatus, comprising:

first reception means for receiving possession specifiers, each specifying a possessed product that one of a plurality of customers possesses, transmitted from the customers via a network;

maintenance means for maintaining first records, each concerning the possessed product the customers possess based on the possession specifiers;

second reception means for receiving unwanted product specifiers, each specifying an unwanted product any of the customers does not want any more, transmitted from any of the customers via the network; and

presentation means for consolidating second records concerned with unwanted products and presenting a result of the consolidating to potential buyers.

26. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A set of computer readable data signals representing

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a program for causing a computer:

to receive possession specifiers each specifying a product each of the plurality of said customers possesses transmitted from each of said customers via a network;

to maintain records each in concern with the product the customers possess based on the possession specifiers;

to receive unwanted product specifiers each specifying a product any of said customers does not need to possess any more and transmitted from the customer of concern via the network;

to consolidate records concerned with unwanted products; and

to present a result of the consolidating process to potential buyers.

27. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A system selling products possessed by customers who communicate with said system via client computers via a network, comprising:

at least one server computer, receiving possession specifiers from the customers via the network that identify possessed products held by the customers, maintaining first records concerning the possessed products based on the possession specifiers, receiving from any of the customers via the network unwanted product specifiers identifying unwanted products the customers do not want any more, and presenting consolidated second records of the unwanted products to potential buyers.

28. (WITHDRAWN) A selling-range constituting product management method for managing a selling-range of available products and possessed products of a customer in an interrelated manner, comprising:

receiving a possession specifier specifying a possessed product of the customer, transmitted from the customer via a network;

maintaining a record concerning the possessed product based on the possession specifier;

receiving an unwanted product specifier specifying an unwanted product the customer does not need to possess any more and transmitted from the customer via the network;

removing, when the customer does not need to possess any more, the specifier specifying a relevant product being possessed by the customer;

receiving an abandonment specifier specifying an abandoned product the customer abandoned which the customer possessed or purchased by a time of abandonment; and

maintaining a record concerning the abandoned product.

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29. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A selling-range constituting product management method for managing a selling-range of available products and possessed products in possession of a customer in an interrelated manner, comprising:

receiving a possession specifier specifying a possessed product of the customer, transmitted from the customer via a network;

maintaining a record concerning the possessed product based on the possession specifier;

determining, when receiving a purchase order for an identified product transmitted from the customer via the network, whether the identified product is in possession of the customer based on the record concerning the possessed product; and

transmitting a result of said determining to the customer when determining that the customer possesses the product stated in the purchase order.

30. (WITHDRAWN) A selling-range constituting product management method for managing a selling-range of available products and possessed products in possession of a customer in an interrelated manner, comprising:

receiving a possession specifier specifying a first product possessed by a customer, transmitted from the customer via a network;

maintaining a first record concerning the first product based on the possession specifier;

receiving an experienced-product specifier, identifying a second product the customer has used, but does not possess, transmitted from the customer via the network; and

maintaining a second record concerning the second product based on the experienced-product specifier.

31. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A selling-range constituting product management method for managing a selling-range of available products and possessed products of a customer in an interrelated manner, comprising:

receiving specifiers of various kinds transmitted from a customer, the kinds of specifiers consisting of

the specifiers of a first kind, each specifying a first product the customer possesses,

the specifiers of a second kind, each specifying a second product the customer does not possess,

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the specifiers of a third kind, each specifying a third product the customer has already purchased,

the specifiers of a fourth kind, each specifying a fourth product the customer does not need to possess any more that the customer still possesses, and

the specifiers of a fifth kind, each specifying a fifth product the customer does not need to possess that the customer has purchased;

maintaining, based on the specifiers of the first through fifth kinds, first through fifth record types, concerning the first through fifth products, respectively; and

removing identified products from a selling-range of products offered to the customer based on the first and third through fifth record types when offering the selling-range of products to the customer.

32. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A selling-range constituting product management method for managing a selling-range of available products and possessed by a plurality of customers respectively in an interrelated manner, comprising:

receiving possession specifiers, each specifying a possessed product that one of the customers possesses, transmitted from the customers via a network;

maintaining first records, each concerning the possessed product the one of the customers possesses based on the possession specifiers;

receiving unwanted product specifiers, each specifying an unwanted product any of said customers does not need to possess any more, transmitted from the customers via the network;

consolidating second records concerned with unwanted products; and

presenting a result of the consolidating process to potential buyers.